



News

The Midland Ancestors shop staff wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Midland Ancestors

Now I hear you say, what is Midland Ancestors. Well on the 1st September 2017, the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry (also known as the BMSGH) introduced a new operating name called Midland Ancestors, much easier to remember than the old name, we are currently updating our main website and phase 2 is scheduled to go live on 22nd December, here is the link <http://www.midland-ancestors.uk>

We will also be updating the shop software and moving to a new service provider in January, this will give us much more functionality. The BMSGH still exists as the legally registered charity and for banking purposes.

Christmas deliveries

Please note that the last posting date for UK 1st class deliveries is on Thursday 21st December, please place any orders by midday. Sorry, but overseas dates have now passed.

Warwickshire County Record Office Parish Registers

We are continuing to transcribe Warwickshire County Record Office Parish Registers, this is an enormous task and we estimate will take five years to complete. Many thanks to the 60+ volunteers worldwide who are working on this project.

In the meantime, we are adding the original register images to the shop, this is taking quite some time as well, so if you are interested in a parish, please let us know so we can fast track. Note we do not have Birmingham parishes as they are held by the New library of Birmingham archives or Stratford upon Avon which are held by the Shakespeare Trust.

Price Increases

We have not had a mass price increase since the shop was opened in 2010, but due to increased operating costs, we will be increasing prices from 1st January 2018.

Special offers

This month we are giving 10% off most Family History Partnership books, see <http://bmsgsh-shop.org.uk/Family-History-Partnership> for a list of products included.

The [My Family History record book](#), is reduced by 15%, was £9.99, **now £8.50**.

Offers are valid until midnight 31st December 2017.

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Monumental Inscriptions Bulk buy special Offer

The following Monumental Inscriptions are unique to us, you can find all sorts of information from a grave stone, sometimes a whole family in one grave which may solve that problem you have had for years.

Birmingham Monumental Inscriptions – 41 burial locations, 91,300+ records

Warwickshire Monumental Inscriptions – 313 burial locations (DVD)

Staffordshire Monumental Inscriptions – 141 burial locations

Worcestershire Monumental Inscriptions – 175 burial locations

Buy all 4 MI disks above, £125 if sold separately, **on special offer for £75**

New products

We are pleased to announce the following additions to the shop since the last newsletter -

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
	<u>Warwickshire Parish Registers</u>	
	Warwickshire Parish Registers – 200+ pre 1813 registers to buy and browse, original images from the registers. See shop for a list of Parishes available, more are being added all the time. Indexed Parishes will be added soon.	
	<u>Books</u>	
B317	Hanbury St. Werburgh Parish Register Transcripts - Part 1 - 1574-1744	£5.50
	<u>Alan Godfrey maps</u>	
ST08.09	Leek (West) 1923	£3.00
ST08.10	Leek (East) 1923	£3.00
ST11.06	Audley 1898	£3.00
ST62.07A	Wolverhampton (Ne) 1885	£3.00
ST62.11A	Wolverhampton (Se) 1885	£3.00
ST71.08A	Cradley Heath & Old Hill 1881	£3.00
ST72.02	Langley Green & South Oldbury 1914	£3.00
WK08.13B	Aston Manor 1938	£3.00
WK08.14C	Gravelly Hill 1913	£3.00
WK13.11B	Harborne 1938	£3.00
WK08.14A	Gravelly Hill 1886 Coloured Alan Godfrey map	£3.50
	<u>Downloads</u>	
B317D	Hanbury St. Werburgh Parish Register Transcripts - Part 1 - 1574-1744	£5.50

Organising your research

The following are record books for recording your family history and are some of our best-selling items.

[My Family History - A ten generation family research record book with pedigree charts](#)



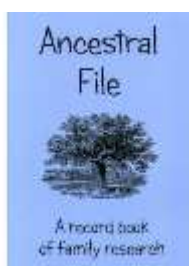
Published by the Family History Partnership, A4, 80 pages, £9.99, **on offer at £8.50** until 31st December 2017.

'My Family Record Book' is an efficient and attractive method of recording and displaying the result of family history research and a handy 'aide memoir' to carry around when researching. The product is in two main parts; a ten generation record book and a loose-leaf, two-sided ten generation pedigree chart, plus a system for recording re-marriages and new partnerships.

There has long been several five generation versions available but the complaint has always been that 'they don't go back far enough'. Hopefully, this publication will resolve that problem. It allows the recording of 256 marriages, 512 ancestors plus offsprings, stretching back to the early 1700's and beyond. All individuals are allocated unique reference numbers to mate entries in the record book with those on the pedigree charts.

The 'My Family History Ten Generation Pedigree Chart' is also available separately.

[Ancestral File A record book of family research](#)



Published by Invicta Books, A4, 36 pages, £4.95

This book offers a convenient system for organising your research findings. In the middle there is a double pedigree chart which allows you to see both the paternal and maternal sides of your family at a glance. From this chart there is a link to the information page for each family group in your direct ancestry. Each family page is set out with boxes in which to enter vital facts - marriage information, birth dates and places, details of children and census check list.

This book can also be used to present the results of your research to other members of the family in an easily understood format.

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Situations Vacant

We currently have volunteer vacancies available. If you can spare some time and are interested in any of the roles below or require further information, please get in touch.

J005 WCRO Transcribers – We urgently require more volunteers

In December 2016, the BMSGH signed an agreement with Warwickshire County Record Office(WCRO) to sell their Parish Registers in the BMSGH shop, there are currently 2255 sets of images from 230+ parishes, so an enormous amount of data. WCRO are going to give us another 200+ Parish register volumes, so even more data to index.

We urgently need as many volunteers as possible to help transcribe these images so we can produce indexed data. Volunteers will be provided with a copy of the parish register images and an excel spreadsheet so they can transcribe names, dates, etc. onto the spreadsheet. There are three types of transcribing work:

1. The BMSGH already have transcriptions for 43 parishes, so in this case volunteers will get images and a pre-populated spreadsheet. Volunteers can then check data is accurate and enter the page number of the record onto the spreadsheet.
2. For new transcriptions, volunteers will need to transcribe data and enter names, dates, etc. onto the spreadsheet.
3. The BMSGH always check transcriptions, so we are also looking for volunteers to do this role, similar to item 1 above as you will get images and a pre-populated spreadsheet to check.

We will initially add the data to the shop without any indexes, so customers can buy a parish register volume, but once we have transcribed the images, we will update the shop item to include an index, and increase the price.

If you are interested in helping, please contact us, we can even let you choose which parish you would like to transcribe, where possible.

Location: Worldwide Requirements: Internet, Excel

Contact: Kim Walker (Project Manager), email: littlealne@hotmail.com

Other volunteer roles

We also have vacancies in the following areas, if you are interested, please get in touch for more information-

- SEO optimisation
- Marketing
- Reference librarians in our library in Birmingham
- Volunteers for our Helpdesk at Warwick County record office

Contact: Steve Freeman, email steve.freeman@talk21.com, Tel: 01217455403

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Feedback

We would welcome your feedback on our shop newsletter, is it too long, too short, is there anything else you would like to know about the shop. Are there products you would like adding to the shop?

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